Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2005

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions

Acts 6: 1-7 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12

Theme: Jesus, our cornerstone.

Question for Adults: Jesus not only shows us but is the way, the truth and the life. Name a time this past week when you spoke the truth at work even though you knew you would be ridiculed.
Question for Children: Jesus shows the way to live. Name a time this past week when you acted like Jesus.

Mon., April 18, 2004
Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:11-18
5:45 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Lindsey Venjohn
Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Lay Ministry
7:30 - Y.E.S.

Tues., April 19, 2004
Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30
5:45 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Health of Ken Carpenter
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
700 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. – *The Great Adventure through the Bible*, bible study.
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wed., April 20, 2004
Acts 12:24–13:5a Jn 12:44-50
5:45 p.m. - Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Food Pantry – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – NCYC planning team meeting
6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Meal
7:00 p.m. - YF Class
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting

Thur. April 21, 2004
Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20
8:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of Souls in Purgatory
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Marriage Prep class

Fri., April 22, 2004
Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
No Mass

Sat., April 23, 2005
Daily Reading
Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Reading
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Food Pantry
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 am – Share Distribution
5:00 p.m. Mass
Intention: For Donald Olson
Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: *Mary Corbine; all three masses*
Altar Servers*: Sarah Cresalia, Alex Kuehler & Barry Vargo*
Euch. Min.: Body: *Diane Clarke*
Blood*: Eileen & Charlie Desmond, Stephanie Strand & Joan Pribyl*
Lector: *Joan Pribyl & Doris Hume*
Sacristan: *Patty & Charlie Cresalia*
Usher*: Joe & Diane Norman*
Music: *Folk Group*

Sun., April 24, 2005
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For Parishioners
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers*: Elizabeth Carreiro, Dane & Hanna Schroeder*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Kathy Amiotte*
Blood*: Barb & Gary Erickson, Larry Williamson & Jean Schubauer*
Lector*: Donna Boner & Larry Williamson*
Sacristan: *Barb & Gary Erickson*
Ushers*: Stan Barber & John Carreiro*
Music: Regina's Minstrels

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Doughnuts

9:30 a.m. - YF Class

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: Health of Ken Carpenter
Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *Mary Pulaski, Lexie & Kristina Hammerquist*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Kathy Johnson*
Blood: *Kathy & Ken Van Asma, Barb Scherr & Christine Diedricksen*
Lector*: Jim Scherr & Kathy Van Asma*
Sacristan*: Kathy & Ken Van Asma*
Ushers*: Jim Pulaski & Dorothy Tinnell*
Music: *Family Choir*

7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer with Adoration and Benediction
Intention: For priesthood, religious life and marriage.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Traditionally on Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today of all days, pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. Invite someone you know to consider a life of leadership in the church. (John 10:1-10)

Sparks From Mark

This past week I am spending some time on the computer reading not only Steve Biegler's bogs from Rome, but some of the Cardinals from the Unites States as well. I really enjoyed the reflection that Cardinal Roger Mahony had as he participated in the Holy Father's Funeral last Friday. I wanted to share it with you.

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Friday, April 8, 2005

Today's Funeral Mass in Rome for Pope John Paul II was attended by more people and watched by more people on television than any other Funeral in the history of the world. That is a breathtaking statistic—but it's true.

How does one fathom such a phenomenon, much less explain it? An image came to mind as I participated in this extraordinary Funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, and as I looked out upon the sea of people that went as far as the eye could reach. Recall the time Jesus was teaching his disciples to stop judging one another? He also added an important point for us: "…the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matt. 7:2). We normally see this lesson as applying to extending forgiveness.

But I don't think it's limited to that. I think Jesus also meant that to the extent that we extend love, goodness, comfort, nourishment, and hope to people—we will also receive back ten or a hundred-fold. The millions of people who have come to Rome since the Pope died, as well as all of those who have journeyed to our Churches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, have experienced deeply the love and care of Pope John Paul II. And now it's their turn to return that love and care—and they did so in heroic and spectacular ways, often with great personal sacrifice.

The overwhelming number of young people who came to Rome this past week speaks powerfully about the graced effect of our Holy Father upon the world. I had the privilege to meet many of them on the streets, and I would always ask one important question: why did you feel that you had to come for the Pope's Funeral? The response was uniformly this: we came because the Pope truly loved us, and he spent his entire life trying to make life better for every single person in the world. Powerful!

Just maybe our Holy Father left behind yet another important lesson for us: reach out to everyone with love, openness, and hope—and they will respond in kind.

Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A Resource of the *Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy*
USCCB Publishing

6. What significance does this reservation of the Eucharist have for the life of Catholics? "Eucharist is reserved in churches or oratories to serve as the spiritual center of a religious community or a parish community, indeed of the whole Church and the whole of mankind, since it contains, beneath the veil of the species, Christ the invisible Head of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, 'by whom all things are and by whom we exist.'" "He is in the midst of us day and night; He dwells in us with the fullness of grace and of truth. He raises the level of morals, fosters virtue, comforts the sorrowful, strengthens the weak and stirs up all those who draw near to Him to imitate Him, so that they may learn from his example to be meek and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interests but those of God."

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*

Tom Hislop – Improved health
Joe Hilt – improved health
Daylen & Wade Rhodes – Improved health
Dorothy Johnson – Repose
Elizabeth Rohrbach – Improved health
Jackie Konechne – improved health
Mary Jo Spencer – improved health
Trish Kostel – improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
John Schmitz – improved health
Terry Roseland – improved health
Vickie Bergeron – improved health

STEWARDSHIP
April 9th & 10th
General Collections

Loose	$760.60
Envelopes	$2,364.00
Votive	$5.00
Student	$60.29
Seminarian Fund	$126.00
Other	$409.90
Total	$3,725.43

Children's Offertory
Here is what a few of them said.

Time: "read to my baby brother"
"**Talent**: "Plays the piano",

Faithful Citizenship; Diocesan Pro-Life Commission The Church is called to proclaim 'the Gospel of Life." And the State has as its primary task precisely the safeguarding and promotion of human life. The challenge to life has grown in scale and urgency in recent years. It has involved particularly the beginning of human life, when human beings are at their weakest and most in need of protection. Conflicting views have been put forward regarding abortion, assisted procreation, the use of human embryonic stem cells for scientific research, and cloning.

The Church's position, supported by reason and science, is clear: The human embryo is a subject identical to the human being which will be born at the term of its development. Consequently whatever violates the integrity and the dignity of the embryo is ethically inadmissible. Similarly, any form of scientific research which treats the embryo merely as a laboratory specimen is unworthy of man. Scientific research in the field of genetics needs to be encouraged and promoted, but, like every other human activity, it can never be exempt from moral imperatives; research using adult stem cells, moreover, offers the promise of considerable success

State of the World, Address to Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See – Pope John Paul II, January 2005, par. 5

Music Ministry Alive!
July 26-31, 2005
The College of Saint Catherine,
St. Paul, Minnesota
10th, 11th & 12th Graders

For more information, pick up a flyer on the bulletin board in the gathering area.

OLBH Women without spouses There will be a potluck salad luncheon April 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Patty Cariveaux's, 1617 Debra Dr. Rapid City in the Community room. We will have a guest speaker from WAVI joining us. If you need a ride from OLBH to Rapid City, please call parish office at 787-5168.

Bible Study "The Great Adventure Through the Bible" by Jeff Cavins: Starting Tuesday, April 19th from 7pm-9pm at OLBH. Study will meet through the summer. For more info and to register, please call Kathy Van Asma (leave a message) at 787-6218.

Lector Training, Sunday April 24th at 9:30 a.m. For questions, please call Brad Blauvelt, 343-6906.

Card Ministry will be meeting Saturday, April 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. We will be making cards for different occasions. Please call Pam Venjohn at 787-6183 if you have any questions.

Diocesan News:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 17th, 2005 Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of our Christian vocations. The world-wide Church unites in prayer on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Good Shepherd calls us and guides us on our Christian journey. By our baptism we are all called, chosen, and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. You are invited to participate in this annual celebration.

"No Roe Litmus Test" Campaign Thanks to all who signed postcards to our Senators last weekend to end the *Roe v. Wade* litmus test for judicial nominees. If you have not yet signed or returned your postcards, please do so this week to be part of this nationwide campaign! Please continue to oppose this unjust litmus test… and pray for an end to all threats against human life! ****Web site to assist people sending e-mails to Senators: www.EndRoe.org**

A View from Rome Fr. Steve Biegler shares his impressions of the death of Pope John Paul II and subsequent historic events on the diocesan web page. He is a priest from the Diocese of Rapid City who is currently director of pastoral formation at the North American College in Rome. To read his remarkable blogs, go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

OTUS TUUS VOCATION CAMPS

Totus Tuss vocations camps are a wonderful opportunity to spend a few days reflecting on God's call to each of us. We will pray together, play together and learn more about our faith while having good fellowship and fun. The camps are staffed by adult leaders, seminarians, priests, religious sisters, and young people. The camps are held at Storm Mt. near Rapid City, SD.

Totus Tuus Girls Leadership
– June 20-23 (completed grade 9+)
Totus Tuus Girls
– June 21-23 (completed grade 6-8)
Totus Tuus Boys Leadership
– June 27-30 (completed grade 9+)
Totus Tuus Boys
– June 28-30 (completed grade 6-8)

For more information please contact Fr. Brian Christensen at 484-8940 or Susan Safford at 342-0507 or Godscall@diorc.org For a registration form please contact Susan at 343-3541. Cost is $40.00

Engaged Encounter Weekend for engaged or newly married couples to focus on developing a mutual, faithful and permanent marriage relationship, will be held April 29-May1 at St. Martin's Community Center near Rapid City. For further information, contact Brett & Shawna Hanson, 605.923.2545. To register, call Dave & Denise Hollenbeck, 605.341-7883.

For the Ride Home
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2005

Scripture

- They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. (Acts 6:6)
- He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. (Psalm 33:5)
- Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4,5)
- Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. … Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:10,12)

Reflection

- How are you a vessel of Jesus, "a living stone?"
- What are the greater works that those who believe in Jesus do?
- How are you a "spiritual house, a holy priesthood?"

The "return" is the end beyond all ends, and the beginning of beginnings. To "return to the Father" is not to "go back" in time, to roll up the scroll of history, or to reverse anything. It is a going forward, a going beyond, for merely to retrace one's steps would be a vanity on top of vanity, a renewal of the same absurdity in reverse. Our destiny is to go on beyond everything, to leave everything, to press forward to the End and find in the End our Beginning, the ever-new beginning that has no end. To obey Him on the way, in order to reach Him in whom I have begun, who is the key and the end – because he is the beginning.[1]

[1] Merton, Thomas, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, Doubleday: New York, 1989, p. 171,2.